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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-26/2 of 27 June 2001, entitled "Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", in which it decided to devote sufficient time and at least one full day of the annual session of the General Assembly to review and debate a report of the Secretary-General,

Bearing in mind that the Declaration contains time-bound commitments to be met by 2005, and noting that more complete data on fulfilment of the 2005 targets will be available for comprehensive review in 2006,

Recalling also its decision, in its resolution 58/236 of 23 December 2003, entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", to hold a high-level meeting in 2005 to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment, and also that the scheduling, format, participation, including civil society participation, and other organizational details will be further considered during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly,

Recalling further its resolution 58/291 of 6 May 2004, entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit and integrated and coordinated implementation of and the follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields",

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS will be convened on 2 June 2005 and will have a technical focus with the aim of

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identifying the level of progress achieved, problems and constraints facing the full realization of those commitments and the prospects for achieving them and for sharing best practices;

2. *Decides* that the review will, inter alia, contribute to the high-level plenary meeting to be held in New York in 2005, at the commencement of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, to undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] including the internationally agreed development goals and the global partnership required for their achievement, and of the progress made in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

3. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements of the high-level meeting will be as follows:

(a) The high-level meeting shall comprise opening and closing plenary meetings and interactive round tables covering areas related to the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, particularly prevention, treatment, care and support, human rights, including gender, orphans and resources;

(b) The opening plenary meeting will set the stage for the subsequent discussions and feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

(c) A representative nominated by each of the five regional groups will chair each round table, with the support of the executive heads of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS co-sponsoring agencies;

(d) In addition to Member States, observers, representatives of the entities of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, an invitation to the round-tables will be extended to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and not more than 15 civil society representatives of international, national or community organizations, including those representing and working for people living with HIV/AIDS, and the private sector, including pharmaceutical companies. The President of the General Assembly, following appropriate consultations with Member States, will draw up a list of those civil society representatives, on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Programme and taking into account the principle of geographical representation, and will submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Assembly on participation;

(e) In order to ensure interactive and substantive discussions of high quality, participation in each round table shall be limited to a maximum of 40 to 45 participants;

(f) Every effort shall be made to ensure equitable geographical representation in each round table, while taking into account the importance of

[1] Resolution 55/2.

ensuring a mix of countries in terms of size, HIV prevalence rates and levels of development;

(g) Participation of Member States and observers shall be limited to one round table, and each Member State representative may be accompanied by two advisers;

(h) Participation by accredited and invited civil society representatives shall be limited to one round table, and participation shall not exceed five representatives in each round table;

(i) The Chairmen of the round tables will submit summaries to the President of the General Assembly reflecting the views expressed during the discussions;

(j) The President of the General Assembly will present the summaries of the round-table discussions to the closing plenary meeting, and they will be submitted to the 2005 high-level event planned in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 58/291;

4. *Further decides* that the arrangements outlined in subparagraph 3 (d) above shall in no way create a precedent for other similar events;

5. *Also decides* that the President of the General Assembly, with support from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and in consultation with Member States, will finalize the details and scheduling of the round tables, several of which are expected to take place concurrently, and any outstanding organizational matters.